



WINTER WONDERS

A LONG with winter come the joys, colours and flavours of winter vegetables. Even amid the concrete jungle of the capital, this time of the year sees small open spaces transform into vibrant patches bearing the season's bounties. Areas like Kamrangirchar see entire families involved in the production of amaranth. Vegetable markets, such as the ones in Kawran Bazar and Hatirpool, are full of the season's favourites like pointed gourd, bottle gourd, cabbage, cauliflower, tomato, brinjal, radish, hyacinth bean, etc. These are produced in vegetable gardens throughout the city and also brought in from Savar on the capital's outskirts and from neighbouring districts like Munshiganj. Although there is an abundance of winter vegetables in the city's markets, prices have been high. In the vegetable markets, even lower quality beans were found to cost Tk 60 per kg, with the number going up to Tk 80 per kg for the higher qualities. A possible reason for this is the hike in diesel prices driving up the transport costs, making the enjoyment of the winter wonders costlier this year.

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